

Vision Insurance FAQs

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Q. What type of vision coverage is available to State employees?

- A. Vision coverage for State employees is available in two ways. The first way is through the employee's medical insurance plan. Employees should refer to the Benefits Summary and Provider List for the specific medical insurance plan they are enrolled in. Employees can obtain an eye exam from a covered provider by paying the applicable co-payment. However, under this method, only the eye exam is covered. Frames, lenses, or contacts are purchased at the employee's expense.

The second method of obtaining vision coverage is through one of the State's two vision insurance plans. These plans are optional plans that employees can enroll in as new hires or during open enrollment. Eye exams are covered under both vision plans for a set co-payment amount. Additionally frames, lenses, and/or contacts can be purchased for a discounted amount, co-payment, or employees are given a set allowance towards this purchase. Opticare of Utah and EyeMed both offer discounts on Lasik surgery as well.

Q. I have heard that State employees can receive discounts on lenses, frames and contacts without enrolling in the insurance plan. Is this true?

- A. Discounts are offered through PEHP Plus, which is offered to all employees who have medical insurance through the State of Utah plans.

Q. Who are the two vision insurance providers and how can I contact them?

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